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SUMMARY: SANCAR LISTS CASUALTIES OF 250 DEAD, 550 WOUNDED.
FINANCE MINISTER BAYKAL ANNOUNCES FIRST CYPRUS ACTION EXPENSES
OF APPROXIMATELY DOLLARS 370 MILLION.

1. TGS CHIEF SANCAR, IN AN AUGUST 17 PRESS CONFERENCE ANNOUNCED
TURKISH ARMED FORCES CASULTIES FOR THE TWO CYPRUS OPERATIONS
OF 250 DEAD AND 550 WOUNDED. SANCAR ALSO CLAIMED 700 PRISONERS
CAPTURED VERSUS "A FEW" TURKISH ARMY PRISONERS TAKEN BY THE
GREEKS.

2. SANCAR STATED TURKISH FORCES ON ISLAND TOTAL 19-20,000
WHICH HE REPORTED WAS ABOUT HALF THAT OF THE "OTHER SIDE".

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3. RESPONDING TO VARIOUS QUESTIONS, SANCAR NOTED THAT APPROXIMATELY 125,000 GREEK CYPRIOTS ARE LOCATED IN THE TURKISH AREA; THAT MANY COUNTRIES HAD DEMONSTRATED SOLIDARITY WITH TURKEY WHICH WAS MORE IMPORTANT THAN THE AMOUNT OF MILITARY ASSISTANCE EXTENDED; THAT "AS CHIEF OF THE GENERAL STAFF, (HE WAS) NOT AWARE THAT PHANTOMS WERE USED"; AND INSTEAD OF CONSTRUCTING A NEW AIRFIELD NEAR KYRENIA, THE EXISTING ONE WAS BEING IMPROVED.

4. AUGUST 19 CUMHURIYET REPORTS THAT FINANCE MINISTER DENIZ BAYKAL ANNOUNCED THAT TURKEY'S FIRST CYPRUS OPERATION COST APPROXIMATELY TL 5 BILLION (DOLLARS 370,000,000). THE COST OF THE SECOND OPERATION NOT YET CALCULATED, BUT WOULD BE LESS SINCE SECOND PHASE MILITARY MATERIAL LOSSES NOT AS HIGH.
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